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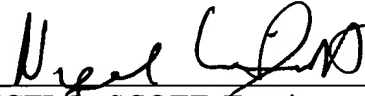
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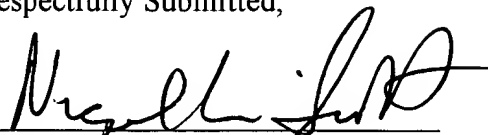
Please accept the Applicant's Response to First Office Action (First Amendment) along with
Request for Extension of Time and Check # 12086 for \$55.00 filing fee in the above action.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the Response to the First Office Action and Amendment to the Claims be accepted for filing.

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION
(FIRST AMENDMENT)**

This is in response to the First Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 in respect of the above-identified patent application:

SPECIFICATION

Based upon the discussions between Applicant and counsel, the two drawings labeled "4A" and "5A" are now considered unnecessary for the allowance of the invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that drawings "4A" and "5A" be withdrawn.

Additionally, in light of the withdrawal of drawings "4A" and "5A" no changes will be made to the Specification.

CLAIMS

In the subject Office Action, claims 1-5 and claim 8 of the application have been rejected based upon claims 35 USC 112. Claims 1-5 have also been rejected based upon



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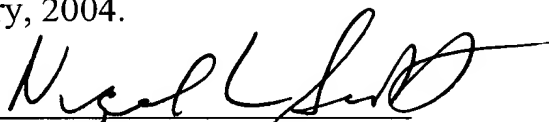
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This acknowledges receipt of the following:

- ☒ First Amendment
- ☐ Revised Drawing
- ☒ Fee in the amount of \$55.00 Check No. 12086

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Applicant's Response to First Office Action (First Amendment) was mailed to the United States Department of Commerce Patents and Trademarks, Office Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20031 this 23rd day January, 2004.


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